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CONNECTIVITY COMMUNICATIONS)	
OVER A PACKET-SWITCHED OPTICAL)	ATTY.DKT. NO. 03493.00347
RING NETWORK USING COMPOSITE)	(IDS 2000-0578-DIV)
PACKETS (as amended))	

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Sir:

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